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SUBJECT : IAEA 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE - SAFEGUARDS IN TAIWAN

1. US REPS (KRATZER, BORIGHT, LABOWITZ, ET AL) HAVE ADDRESSED, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENCY (ROMETSCH, FISCHER, SANDERS) QUESTION OF RELEASE TO US BY AGENCY OF RESULTS OF IAEA INSPECTIONS IN TAIWAN. IAEA HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ROC OFFICE IN VIENNA THAT THEY ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM ROC AUTHORIZING IAEA TO RELEASE TO USG RESULTS OF JULY INSPECTION IN ROC. SECTION CHIEF FOR FAR EAST HAS POINTED OUT THAT US SUPPLY NOT INVOLVED IN TRR REACTOR OR FUEL FABRICATION PLANT. HOWEVER, RAINER HAS GIVEN OPINION, WITH APPARENT CONCURRENCE OF ROMETSCH AND FISCHER, THAT PERMISSION BY INSPECTED STATE TO AGENCY TO RELEASE INSPECTION RESULTS TO ANOTHER STATE CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT LEGAL BASIS FOR IAEA TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION, IN
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PRIVILEGED INFORMATION OF NO OTHER SOURCE IS THUS REVEALED.

2. WITH REGARD TO SUBSTANCE OF JULY INSPECTION, WE UNDERSTAND FIVE INSPECTORS WORKED FOR 10 DAYS. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF VERIFICATION WERE (A) ITEM COUNT OF ALL TRR FUEL ELEMENTS AND COMPARISON TO RECORDS, (B) GAMMA SCAN OF RANDOMLY CHOSEN ONE-HALF OF ALL IRRADIATED TRR ELEMENTS IN SPENT FUEL STORAGE, AND (C) FULL ACCOUNTING FOR URANIUM RECEIVED FROM SOUTH AFRICA. ALL RESULTS OF (A) AND (C) ARE CONSISTENT, I.E., NO EVIDENCE OF DIVERSION. AGENCY ALSO APPARENTLY FEELS THAT ADDING UP ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE FABRICATION PLANT IN ROC, IT CAN REASONABLY INFER THAT ALL OUTPUT OF PLANT HAS BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. AGENCY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ASSESS ANY SUBSTANTIAL PART OF MASS OF RAW DATA FROM GAMMA SCANS OF SPENT FUEL CONTAINED ON MAGNETIC TAPE. AGENCY HAS INSTALLED TV SYSTEM AND TRACK ETCH POWER MONITOR AT TRR: ROMETSCH WAS NOT CLEAR ON WHAT FURTHER INSTRUMENTATION WILL BE (OR SHOULD BE) INSTALLED. RE PARA 1, AGENCY CONFIRMS THAT IT WILL CAUSE THEM NO SERIOUS PROBLEM IF US OFFICIALS STATE THAT WE UNDERSTAND DETAILED INSPECTION IN TAIWAN IN JULY HAS INDICATED NO SIGNIFICANT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN URANIUM IMPORTS, SPENT FUEL, AND REACTOR OPERATING RECORDS.

3. US REP (BORIGHT) HAS ALSO DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH MCMANUS OF CANADIAN DEL. HIS INFORMATION FROM AGENCY IS AT SAME LEVEL OF DETAIL. CANADA HAS OFFERED TO SEND EXPERT TO HELP ANALYSE SPENT FUEL GAMMA DATA, AND RECEIVED REPLY THAT IAEA WILL CONTACT CANADA IF HELP IS REQUIRED.

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